Schuyler Warrior Academy

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

2026 – 2027

Parent & Student Handbook

Build • Believe • Belong

WELCOME TO WARRIOR ACADEMY — WHO WE ARE

Welcome to Warrior Academy, the after-school program serving students at Schuyler Elementary School, Schuyler Middle School, and Schuyler Central High School!

Warrior Academy provides a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where students can continue learning, discover new interests, build friendships, and develop skills that extend beyond the classroom.

Our program combines academic support, enrichment opportunities, recreation, and character development to help students grow academically, socially, and personally.

Through homework assistance, hands-on learning experiences, engaging clubs, and meaningful relationships with caring adults, we strive to help every student feel successful and connected.

At Warrior Academy, we embrace the Schuyler Community Schools commitment to Build • Believe • Belong.

Build: We build skills, confidence, friendships, and a strong foundation for future success.

Believe: We believe every student has unique strengths, talents, and the ability to achieve great things.

Belong: We create a welcoming environment where every student feels valued, supported, and part of the Warrior family.

Our goal is simple: to provide a place where students feel safe, have fun, discover their potential, and look forward to coming back each day.

Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior!

HOW WARRIOR ACADEMY IS FUNDED

Warrior Academy is supported through the federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program, administered in Nebraska by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The 21st CCLC program supports community learning centers that provide students with academic enrichment and additional learning opportunities outside the regular school day.

Through this funding, Warrior Academy is able to offer academic assistance, enrichment activities, recreation, and opportunities for students to develop important life skills.

The program also encourages family engagement and partnerships between schools, families, and community organizations.

Warrior Academy is committed to using these resources responsibly to provide meaningful, high-quality learning experiences for the students and families of Schuyler Community Schools.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (APR)

Warrior Academy is committed to providing high-quality after-school learning opportunities and continuously improving our program to meet the needs of students and families.

As a program supported by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant, Warrior Academy participates in annual performance reporting to the Nebraska Department of Education.

This reporting includes information about student participation, academic progress, program activities, and progress toward program goals.

Annual performance information helps Warrior Academy evaluate program effectiveness, celebrate successes, and identify opportunities for improvement.

A copy of the Annual Performance Report is available upon request. Parents, guardians, and community members who would like to review the report may contact Warrior Academy at Schuyler Community Schools.

ENROLLMENT AND PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Warrior Academy welcomes all eligible students and strives to provide access to high-quality after-school programming for every family interested in participating.

Currently, Warrior Academy accepts all eligible students who complete the registration process, provided adequate staffing and program resources are available.

If enrollment exceeds program capacity, priority consideration will be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria, consistent with Nebraska 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) guidelines and the program's approved grant application:

• Students qualifying for free or reduced-price meals

• English Learners (EL)

• Students receiving special education services

• Migrant students

• Other students identified as needing additional academic support or meeting priority criteria established in the approved grant application

When necessary, a waiting list will be established and maintained by Warrior Academy staff. Families will be notified when space becomes available.

Warrior Academy works with school administrators, teachers, and support staff to identify students who may benefit from participation. Program information and enrollment opportunities are shared with families through school communications, registration materials, and other outreach efforts.

Enrollment and participation data are reviewed to help ensure the program reaches students with the greatest need while maintaining an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

OUTREACH TO AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Warrior Academy collaborates with Schuyler Community Schools administrators and student support personnel to identify and invite students who may benefit from after-school programming, including migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and students in foster care.

School administrators, counselors, and other appropriate staff help connect eligible students and families with Warrior Academy enrollment information and assistance. All outreach is conducted in a manner that respects student and family confidentiality.

Warrior Academy strives to remove barriers to participation and ensure that students and families are aware of available after-school learning opportunities.

PROGRAM CALENDAR AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

- Warrior Academy follows the Schuyler Community Schools district calendar.
- Warrior Academy does not operate on days when school is not in session, including holidays, school breaks, professional development days, and other scheduled school closures.
- Warrior Academy does not operate on early-dismissal days.
- If school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather or other emergencies, Warrior Academy programming will also be canceled.
- Families will be notified of any additional schedule changes through school or Warrior Academy communications.
- Please refer to the Schuyler Community Schools calendar included in this handbook for important dates.

DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULES

Elementary School

- 3:30–3:45 p.m. — Check-in
- 3:45–4:00 p.m. — Recess
- 4:00–4:15 p.m. — Snack
- 4:15–5:30 p.m. — Club activities
- 5:30–6:00 p.m. — Free time, activities, and parent pickup

ELEMENTARY STUDENT CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Keeping our students safe is our top priority! To ensure every student is safely released to the correct person, all parents and guardians must follow these elementary check-out procedures.

TWO PICK-UP TIMES

1. Early Dismissal — 4:45 PM

Warrior Academy staff will bring students to Door 6 at 4:45 PM. Students will be dismissed directly to their parent or authorized pick-up person. Parents should be waiting at Door 6.

2. Regular Dismissal — 5:30–6:00 PM

Parents will pick up their children at the gym doors. Students will exit through the gym doors and be dismissed to their parent or authorized pick-up person. Please check out with a staff member before leaving with your child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Authorized Pick-Up Only: The person picking up a student must be at least 18 years old. Students will only be released to parents, guardians, or individuals authorized by their parent/guardian.

2. Parent Phone Call Required: If someone other than the parent or guardian will be picking up the student, the parent/guardian must call Warrior Academy staff and clearly state the name

of the person picking up their child. Students will not be released until staff have received parent/guardian permission.

3. Sign Your Child Out: The person picking up the student must sign the student out each day. Please include the student's name, your name, and the time of pick-up.

4. Pick-Up Outside Regular Dismissal Times: If you need to pick up your child at any time other than 4:45 PM or 5:30–6:00 PM, go to the cafeteria doors located by the playground and ring the doorbell. A staff member will open the door. You must sign your child out on the student check-out sheet before your child is released.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Students must remain with Warrior Academy staff until the approved adult arrives and the check-out process is complete.

Children may not leave without checking out with a staff member.

Anyone picking up a student must be 18 years of age or older.

For everyone's safety, we cannot make exceptions to these procedures.

Middle School

- 3:30–4:00 p.m. — Arrival, snack, homework, and socializing
- 4:00–4:45 p.m. — Club and scheduled activities
- 4:45–5:30 p.m. — Club activities and field house
- 5:30–6:00 p.m. — Free time, activities, and parent pickup

Schedules may vary depending on planned activities and special events.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EARLY PICKUP PROCEDURES

Parents or guardians must notify the After-School Program coordinator by phone or email if their child needs to leave before the regular dismissal time.

When a parent or guardian arrives, the student will be called to the designated exit area for pickup. The coordinator will document the student's departure time for attendance.

High School

- 3:30–4:00 p.m. — Social
- 4:00–5:30 p.m. — Club
- 5:30–6:30 p.m. — Supper
- 6:30–7:00 p.m. — Clean up/Dismissal

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Students enrolled in Warrior Academy are expected to attend at least three days per week.
- We understand that families have busy schedules and students may participate in other activities. Parents and guardians should notify Warrior Academy staff when their child

will not attend, preferably in the morning, so staff can plan accordingly and account for every student.

- Students who are absent from school during the regular school day are not permitted to attend Warrior Academy that afternoon.
- Consistent attendance helps students benefit from academic support, enrichment activities, and the relationships they build through the program.
- If you are picking up your student: Parents are encouraged to wait until 5:30 pm to pick up their student, but we understand your family's busy schedule, so if you need to pick up your student early, please let us know ahead of time. If you wait until 5:30 pm, you will give your student plenty of time for homework help and some recreation or club activities.

STUDENT PICKUP AND LATE PICKUP POLICY

- Warrior Academy programming ends at 6:00 p.m. All students must be picked up no later than 6:00 p.m. by a parent, guardian, or other authorized individual.
- If a parent or guardian anticipates being late, they should notify Warrior Academy staff as soon as possible.
- Repeated late pickups may result in a meeting with program staff and could affect the student's continued enrollment in Warrior Academy.
- Our goal is to ensure the safety of all students while respecting the scheduled hours of our program and staff.
- If your student walks home: If your student walks home, he/she must stay until their club is over, he/she must notify the coordinator they are leaving. If you would like them to leave early on certain days, please send a note with them or call us to let us know.
- If someone else is picking up your child: We must have written or verbal permission for your child to be picked up by someone who is NOT on your registration form. NO child will be released without previously obtained permission.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT AND CONSEQUENCES

Warrior Academy is committed to providing a safe, positive, and supportive environment for all students. We recognize that students are learning to manage their behavior, make responsible decisions, and develop positive relationships.

When behavior concerns arise, staff will use appropriate strategies to help students understand expectations and make better choices.

Depending on the situation, consequences may include:

1. Verbal Reminder or Redirection: Staff will remind students of expectations and provide an opportunity to correct their behavior.

2. Student Conference: Staff may meet with the student to discuss the behavior, its impact on others, and ways to make better choices.

3. Parent/Guardian Communication: Families may be contacted to discuss ongoing concerns and work together on solutions.

4. Behavior Improvement Plan: For repeated concerns, staff may develop a plan with specific expectations and strategies to support student success.

5. Temporary Suspension: Continued or significant behavior concerns may result in suspension from Warrior Academy for a period determined by program administration.

6. Removal from the Program: In cases of ongoing serious behavior concerns or situations that significantly compromise safety, continued enrollment may be reviewed.

SERIOUS BEHAVIOR INCIDENTS

Behaviors involving physical aggression, threats, bullying, or other significant safety concerns may result in immediate intervention, including suspension or removal from the program, depending on the circumstances.

Consequences will be determined based on the severity and frequency of the behavior, individual student needs, and applicable district policies.

Our goal is always to help students learn from their choices while maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

MEDICATIONS, INJURIES, AND ILLNESS

Medications

Warrior Academy staff do not administer medication to students during after-school programming.

Parents and guardians should contact Warrior Academy staff if their child has medical needs that may affect participation in the program. Any necessary arrangements will be discussed individually and handled in accordance with Schuyler Community Schools' policies and procedures.

Injuries

The safety and well-being of our students are a priority. If a student is injured during Warrior Academy, staff will provide appropriate assistance and notify a parent or guardian when necessary.

In the event of a serious injury or medical emergency, staff will follow district emergency procedures and contact emergency services when appropriate.

Illness

Students who are ill should remain home and should not attend Warrior Academy.

If a student becomes ill during program hours, staff may contact a parent or guardian to arrange pickup.

Warrior Academy follows Schuyler Community Schools' health guidelines regarding illness and returning to school or program activities.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Warrior Academy is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment where every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and belong.

All students are expected to:

1. Be Respectful: Treat fellow students, staff, and visitors with kindness. Use appropriate language and follow staff directions.

2. Be Responsible: Take care of school property, equipment, and materials. Clean up after yourself and respect the belongings of others.

3. Be Safe: Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Fighting, bullying, threats, and other unsafe behaviors are not permitted.

4. Be Involved: Participate in scheduled academic support, clubs, and enrichment activities.

5. Be Prepared: Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for planned activities. Closed-toe shoes may be required for certain activities.

6. Follow School Rules: All Schuyler Community Schools behavior expectations and applicable district policies remain in effect during Warrior Academy.

CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONICS

Cell phones and personal electronic devices are not permitted for student use during Warrior Academy. Devices must remain put away throughout the program.

If a student is found using a cell phone or personal electronic device, the device will be confiscated and returned only to the student's parent or guardian.

OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINKS

Outside food, drinks, and gum are not permitted during Warrior Academy.

Exceptions may be made for special events, celebrations, or planned activities when families have been notified or staff have given prior approval.

Our goal is to help every student make positive choices and contribute to a welcoming environment where we Build • Believe • Belong.

CONTACT INFO

If you have any questions or concerns about the Warrior Academy feel free to contact us:

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2026-2027 School Calendar

Schuyler Community Schools

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DATE	EVENT
August 6-7	Teacher Workdays
August 10	Teacher Meetings/PD/Workday
August 11	All Staff meetings/Open House
August 12	First Day (K, 6, 9/10) Staggered Start*
August 13	First Day (K-2, 6-7, 11/12) Staggered Start*
August 14	First Full Day - All Students
September 7	Labor Day - No School
September 25	No School (PD/Work Day)
October 7	End of 1st Quarter - 1:30 Dismissal
October 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
October 8	Parent-Teacher Conferences (8am-4pm)
October 9	No School - Fall Break
October 19	No School (PD/Work Day)
November 2	No School (PD/Work Day)
Nov. 25-27	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
December 17	End of 2nd Quarter
December 18	No School (Work Day)
Dec. 21 - 31	No School (Holiday Break)
January 1	No School (Holiday Break)
January 4	No School (PD/Work Day)
January 15	No School
February 5	No School (PD/Work Day)
February 24	1:30 Dismissal; Parent-Teacher Conf. 4-8 pm
February 25	Parent Teacher Conferences 8am to 4pm
February 26	No School (Winter Break)
March 5	End of 3rd Quarter
March 8	No School (PD/Work Day)
March 9	No School (PD/Work Day)
March 10-12	No School Spring Break
March 26	No School - Good Friday
March 29	No School (PD/Work Day)
May 16	Graduation
May 20	End of 4th Quarter
May 21	Staff Workday

*Staggered start days - please see school correspondence for schedules for these days.

Number of Days	
1st Quarter	39
2nd Quarter	44
3rd Quarter	40
4th Quarter	47
Total Student Days	170
Total Staff Days	186

Key:

- End of the Quarter
- No School for students - Teacher Workday
- Parent Teacher Conf. 1:30pm dismissal for students
- Parent Teacher Conf. no school for students
- 26 No School for students or staff

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